U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JAMES C. GARDNER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DIRECTORATE OF PLANS, TRAINING & MOBILIZATION, Fort Sill, OK

Docket No. 03-94; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 6, 2003

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 19 percent monaural hearing loss, for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contention of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the September 20, 2002 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated September 20, 2002 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC March 6, 2003

Alec J. Koromilas Chairman

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member